



**Pastor:**  
**Fr. James Nall**



# *Welcome to St. Dominic Church*

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**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**December 7th, 2025**



**"Jesus entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. He came to bring His peace to us and asks us to share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most."**

**Sunday Masses:**  
**Saturday Vigil 5:30pm**  
**Sunday 11am**

**Weekday Masses:**  
**8am: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**

**Holy Day Masses:**  
**8am & 12:10pm**

**Confessions:**  
**4:30pm on Saturday**  
**or by appointment**

**Baptism & Marriage:**  
**For arrangement please**  
**contact the Parish office**

**Bulletin Deadline:**  
**Wednesday at Noon**

**Office Hours:**  
**Mon. – Fri. 9am-5pm**

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## **Parish Organizations, Committees and Ministries**

<b>Websites:</b>	<b>St. Dominic Church</b>	<a href="http://www.saintdominicbreese.org">www.saintdominicbreese.org</a>
	<b>Diocese of Belleville</b>	<a href="http://www.diobelle.org">www.diobelle.org</a>
	<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	<a href="http://www.breeseeknights.org">www.breeseeknights.org</a>
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## *A Letter From Fr. Jim*

**Dear Parishioners,**

**When I was in high school Freshman English, the teacher had us memorize a poem. At the time, I did it because I had to in order to get a grade. Unbeknownst to me was the importance of this poem. Although I found some of the poem meaningful, I was an immature Freshman who did not realize the poem's impact and meaning. The name of the poem is Desiderata written by Max Ehrmann in 1927.**

**It offers sound advice to get through life. The beauty of the poem is that it promotes a positive attitude towards life. Advent is a good time to examine our attitude. How do we find life? Are we pessimistic? Optimistic? Apathetic? Here are some pieces of advice from Desiderata.**

**"Speak you truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they to have their story."**

**"If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself."**

**"With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy."**

**Peace,**

**Fr. Jim**

## Schedule for December 7th - December 13th

Sunday - 7	Monday - 8	Tuesday - 9	Wednesday - 10	Thursday - 11	Friday - 12	Saturday - 13
11am - Mass  5pm - Vigil Mass	8am - Mass  12:10pm - Mass	NO MASS  1-7pm - Adoration	8am - Mass	8am - Mass	8am - Mass  10am - Anointing of the sick at the Villas	4:30pm - Confessions Heard  5:30pm - Mass

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, December 6

4:00pm: Joe Voss

#### Sunday, December 7

11:00am: Jane & Wilbert Jansen

Richard "Slugger" & Joan Lampe

5:00pm: For Pope Leo

#### Monday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

8:00am: Elsie Niemeyer

12:10pm: Lynn Robben

#### Tuesday, December 9

No Mass

#### Wednesday, December 10

8:00am: Bert Voss

#### Thursday, December 11

8:00am: Prayers of the St. Dominic Parish Family

#### Friday, December 12

8:00am: Living & Deceased of the Woltering Family

#### Saturday, December 13

5:30pm: Leo & Lorine Schmidt

#### Sunday, December 14

11:00am: Tony Timmermann

### Weekend Mass Attendance

**158 Disciples at Thanksgiving Mass**

**154 Disciples at Saturday Night Mass  
+  
250 Disciples at Sunday Morning Mass**

**404 Total Disciples this Weekend!**

### 14th Weekly Raffle Winner of \$100!:

Bernie & Irene Huelsmann, Congratulations

### This Week's Stewardship

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$4,945.00
Loose	\$275.00
Online	\$3,815.00
Sunday Contributions	\$9,035.00
CCHD	\$80.00
Retired Religious	\$20.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Christmas	\$95.00
Thanksgiving	\$1,328.00
Tuition Assistance	\$48.00
Christmas Flowers	\$80.00
Building	\$251.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

### Parish Budget Report

	Actual YTD 10/31/2025	Budget YTD 10/31/2025
Revenue	\$244,836	\$256,664
Expenses	\$267,552	\$318,886
Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$22,716)	(\$62,222)

### Baptisms

Welcome to our newest members who were Baptized this past Sunday. Camille Essenpreis, daughter of Luke Essenpreis & Olivia Walker; Charlie & Henry Ratermann, sons of Clint & Meg Ratermann. May God watch over them as they grow in their faith.

### Those Who Have Passed On

In our thoughts and prayers, we pray for the repose of the soul of Elsie Niemeyer & Bert Voss. May God welcome them home, fill them with peace and bless those who will miss them.

### Altar Sodality Christmas Party

All women of the parish are warmly invited to join us for the Altar Sodality Christmas Party on Monday, December 8th. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by an evening of fellowship and Christmas cheer. Fair-Trade items will be available for purchase, offering a wonderful opportunity to support artisans around the world while doing a bit of holiday shopping. Participants are asked to bring a \$5 gift for our festive gift-exchange game. We look forward to celebrating the season together!

### Men's Sodality Meeting

We are planning a Men's Sodality meeting for Thursday, January 8, at the KC Hall. Arrive any-time after 6:00. We will have drinks and wings. Meeting will begin approximately 7:00.

### Request Your 2024 Contribution Statement

The office will not be automatically sending out contribution statements this year.

As we begin the new year, we ask all members who need a record of their yearly giving to contact the church office directly. Please call or email the Parish Office and request your contributions statement. If you do online giving exclusively you have access to your statement online

This change helps us be good stewards of our resources and ensures that each household receives its information in the most efficient way possible. Thank you for your understanding and for your continued generosity and support of our church's ministries.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office during regular hours.  
May God bless you in the coming year!

### St. Dominic Twenty-Five Quilt Raffle

**Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, but thank you especially to those who dedicated their time and talent to running the St. Dominic 25 quilt raffle. We sold 142 total tickets, making a \$7,100 profit that will go directly toward supporting our parish ministries and outreach efforts.**

Your generosity, enthusiasm, and hard work made this fundraiser a wonderful success. We are deeply grateful for the countless hours spent planning, organizing, sewing, promoting, and selling tickets. Events like this remind us how blessed we are to have such a vibrant and dedicated parish community.

### Practice for Resurrection Choir

**Resurrection Choir will be performing at the 9:00am Christmas Morning Mass. Anyone who is interested in joining, there are choir practices at 1:30pm on the following days: December 8th, December 15th & December 22nd.**

**Please help the less fortunate families in our area by purchasing gift cards. Gift cards to Walmart, Dollar General, Farm Fresh Market, Fischer's Butchering and Deli, Gas Stations or local restaurants are preferred.** Gift cards can be returned to the box in the back of church or in the secure dropbox in the breezeway. Please return all gift cards to the church by Saturday, December 13th. Thank you!

**Help decorate the altars this Christmas Season by donating to the Flower Fund in memory of or in honor of your loved one.** They will be remembered in our Christmas Liturgy celebration. Look for the "Christmas Flower Offering Envelope" in your envelope package (make sure to include the name of your loved one). Place your donation in the collection basket or send directly to the rectory. The Envelopes are due by Tuesday, December 16th at 5pm.

## PRAYER LIST

<b>The sick of the St. Dominic Parish Family.</b>  <b>Expectant Mothers of our Parish.</b>  <b>Those battling all forms of cancer.</b>  <b>Protection of those in the military.</b>  <b>Protection of First Responders.</b>	<b>The repose of the souls of:</b>  <b>Matthew Zeisset</b>  <b>Cletus Ratermann</b>  <b>Tony Timmermann</b>  <b>Shirley Berns</b>  <b>Elsie Niemeyer</b>  <b>Bert Voss</b>	<b>Pope Leo</b>  <b>End to the wars in Ukraine &amp; Gaza.</b>  <b>Deanna Miller</b>  <b>Linda Porter who is having a heart procedure</b>  <b>Tom Kannall</b>
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### Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Help this Fall!

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul Belleville Council is in great need of men's Jeans, along with adult sized backpacks, & seasoned salt.

St. Vincent De Paul is accepting coats and other winter clothing. Please make sure to have your clothing folded inside of the kitchen sized trash bag whenever you drop off your donations.

Bottled Water, Gatorade or similar drinks, & Individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers cheese sticks cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, and soup or pasta in a cup.

### BAPTISMS & BAPTISMAL PREPARATIONS

If you would like to schedule a Baptism for your child, please contact the Parish Office around a month to a month and a half ahead of time to make sure there are no scheduling issues.

The next Baptismal preparation class is Monday, January 12th at 7:30pm located at St. Dominic Annex Building. Please call the Parish Office and Register by Friday, January 9th to sign up for this class.

### Looking for a way to serve and make a difference?

Join one of our church ministries and use your gifts to bless others and grow in faith. Whether it is distributing the Body & Blood of Christ to your fellow disciples, your children assisting Fr. Jim as Altar Servers or spreading the Word of God as a Lector, there's a place for everyone to contribute in a ministry!

Please contact the Parish Office to inquire about a ministry you are interested in joining.

### Notre Dame Prayer Garden Commemorative Bricks Are Available Again!

Would you like to honor a loved one, commemorate a special occasion, or leave a lasting legacy at our Parish?

Personalized commemorative bricks are available for purchase and will be placed in the Notre Dame Serenity Garden, a peaceful space for reflection and prayer.

Brick order forms are available in the back of Church and in the breezeway.

Your purchase supports the continued care and beauty of our Prayer Garden. Thank you for being part of this meaningful ministry. For more information, please contact the Parish office.

### Youth Faith Formation (YFF)

Join us for our next Faith Formation Church Day, a beautiful Reconciliation, on Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. The Parish Community are especially encouraged to come and share this meaningful and faith-filled evening alongside the children, especially if you haven't made it to one of the other Reconciliation Services in the Diocese.

**Please keep our seminarians in your prayers as they continue their formation. If you feel called, consider sending them a note or card of encouragement. Your prayers and support mean so much.**

Mr. Casimir Cozzi  
Theology III University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary 1000 East Maple Avenue Mundelein, IL 60060

Mr. Terry Marmion  
Theology II University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary 1000 East Maple Avenue Mundelein, IL 60060

Mr. Greg Kassen  
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Mr. Grant Fender  
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### Advent Reconciliation Services

<u>Date</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Time</u>
December 9, 2025	St. Rose, St. Rose	07:00 PM
December 10, 2025	St. Mary, Carlyle	6:30-8:00 PM
December 11, 2025	St. Theresa, Salem	06:30 PM
December 12, 2025	St. Stephen, Flora	06:30 PM
December 14, 2025	St. Boniface, Germantown	03:00 PM
December 14, 2025	St. Francis, Aviston	06:00 PM
December 15, 2025	St. Mary, Mt. Vernon	6 pm
December 16, 2025	St. George, New Baden	7 pm
December 17, 2025	St. Ann, Nashville	6:30-7:30 pm



**Fair-Trade Market:** The next sale will take place December 13th & 14th, following both Masses. 15% of ALL sales will be divided between our Sister Parish, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Guatemala, & House of Manna. Some products available include: coffees, chocolates, Palestinian olive oil, cocoa, teas, Haitian banana paper greeting cards, Spices and more.

### **HELP FEED LOCAL KIDS!**

#### **Support the Clinton County Snack Pack Program**

Did you know that **970 children** in Clinton County are food insecure? **That's 12.2% of our kids** who don't always know where their next meal will come from. Together we can change that.

**The Snack Pack Program of Clinton County** has been bridging the weekend food gap since 2014. What started with serving 17 kids in one school district, has grown to serving **215 children across 11 districts** each weekend.

**Here's How you can help:** \$25 provides food for 1 child for a month, \$230 sponsors a child for the entire school year.

**Ways to Donate:** Please make checks payable to **Clinton County Snack Packs**; please mail your check to 904 Peach St. New Baden, IL 62265.

**You can also Venmo @CCsnackpacks**

**The Children's Collection Each Mass will go towards Snack Pack**

### **Around the Diocese**

**The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is Showing Their Way of Lights display Now until December 31st, from 5pm until 9pm every night. The indoor activities will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.**

The Way of Lights Display, using over 1.5 million beautiful lights, depicts the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem. With new and beautiful colored lights, we celebrate the birth of Jesus and continue to offer activities for all to enjoy. For more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit their website at <https://snows.org/wayoflights>.

**Mater Dei Marching Knights (MDMK) will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts on Sunday, Dec 14th after the 11am Mass.**

### **Pro-Life Corner:**

**Senate Bill 1950, which would legalize assisted suicide in Illinois, now sits on Governor Pritzker's desk. We are asking that every parish encourage its parishioners to contact our Governor, asking him to veto the bill and to pray for this outcome. This is our last chance to prevent this terrible bill from becoming law. For more information on this issue and to contact Governor Pritzker, please visit <https://www.ilcatholic.org/ask-gov-pritzker-to-veto-sb-1950-legalizes-assisted-suicide/>.**

**Thursday, December 11, The Annual Pro-Life Night of Prayer service will be hosted by St. Augustine 7:00-8:00pm.** Please join us in praying our state and nation will get back on a moral and virtuous path and our culture will change to more fully appreciate and cherish our Lord's precious gift of life.

### **Our young parishioners are invited to participate more fully in the Offertory.**

A basket will be placed on the steps of the altar for children and youth to bring forward their donations. When the ushers come forward to collect from the congregation, the young people are invited to walk up and place their gifts in the basket.

In addition to monetary donations, children are welcome to offer a small card noting a good deed or act of kindness they have done during the week. These simple offerings are a beautiful way for our young parishioners to share how they are living out their faith and spreading God's love in their Daily Lives. Small cards and writing utensils will be available on the shelf at the back of the Church. Families may prepare their offerings at home or before Mass.

This practice helps our children experience the joy of giving and understand that their contributions, whether through gifts of money, kindness or service, are an important part of supporting and enriching our Parish Family. Parents are encouraged to help their children prepare an offering each week so they can take part in this special moment of stewardship.

Children's envelopes are available on the cabinet shelf at the back of the church, on Mary's Altar side.

The Children's Donations will go towards the Snack Pack Program.

### **Ministries Needed for Immaculate Conception**

#### **Altar Servers:**

Sun., 5pm: 3 Servers Needed

#### **Extraordinary Ministers:**

Sun., 5pm: Diane Klostermann, 4 Ministers Needed  
Mon., 8am: 1 Minister Needed,  
2 ASA Teachers  
Mon., 12:10pm: Helen Essenpreis,  
2 ASA Teachers

#### **Ushers:**

Sun., 5pm: 4-6 Ushers Needed  
Mon., 8am: 4-6 Ushers Needed  
Mon., 12:10pm: 4-6 Ushers Needed

### **MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR December 13th & 14th**

	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	
<b>Sat. 4:00pm</b>	Leonard Bathon Dave Moss Rich Kruep Stewart Freeman Karen Lager Curt Weh	Kaylyn Hilmes  Lane Hilmes  Lydia Ratermann	Doug Kuhl Cindy Kuhl Mike Nettekmeier Donna Nettekmeier Dot Bauman Janice Albers Tim Richter Sarah Becker	<b><u>Lector:</u></b> Tim Moylan  <b><u>Organist/Cantor:</u></b> Maribeth/Paul K.  <b><u>Gift Bearers:</u></b> Volunteer
<b>Sun. 11:00am</b>	Jeff Foppe Yvonne Foppe Bill Koetting Deb Koetting Dawson Detmer Dave Toennies	Bentley Hilmes  Lainey Hilmes  Harper Albers	Leslie Klay Carol Hustedde Helen Essenpreis Meghan Florzck Diane Klostermann Diane Grapperhaus Mary Ellen Detmer	<b><u>Lector:</u></b> Megan Holthaus  <b><u>Organist/Cantor:</u></b> Evelyn/Jordyn M.  <b><u>Gift Bearers:</u></b> Marcella Timmermann & Family